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## August Fruit Report

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 11, 2011 - - The following forecasts are made based upon conditions on August 1, 2011:

Apples: Pennsylvania's production is forecast at 446 million pounds, down 9 percent from last year's crop. Apple growers anticipate a smaller crop than last year. Hail storms, drought, and frost have all contributed to smaller sized fruit. The first U.S. forecast of the 2011 season is 9.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Grapes: Pennsylvania's production forecast is 100,000 tons, up 20 percent from last year. U.S. grape production is forecast at 7.19 million tons, down 3 percent from 2010 last year. California leads the United States in grape production with 90 percent of the total.

Peaches: Pennsylvania peach producers expect to harvest 25,400 tons of peaches from their orchards in 2011, up 20 percent from 2010. This estimate is unchanged from the July 1 forecast. Crop conditions reports have been mixed this season. Some counties were hit hard by the heavy spring rains, tornados, and storms which damaged trees and fruit. In other areas, producers reported a good set with a heavy crop. Pennsylvania growers anticipate harvesting more peaches in 2011 than were harvested last year. The U.S. peach production forecast is 1.13 million tons, down 2 percent from 2010.

Pears: The Pennsylvania crop is forecast at 2,700 tons, up 13 percent from 2010. U.S. pear production is forecast at 888,300 tons, up 9 percent from last year.

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